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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tip structure for a support leg for a musical instrument stand, comprising:

a foot member at a terminal end of said support leg, said foot member having a main body;

an elongated spike member disposed in a first aperture of said main body; and
an internal locking assembly for locking said spike member in a projecting position with respect to said main body;

wherein said spike member is resiliently biased to translate in said aperture of said main body, and

wherein said internal locking assembly comprises a resiliently biased locking plate having a latching portion that engages a detent formed in said spike member.

Claim 2 (canceled)

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Claim 3 (currently amended): The tip structure according to claim [[2]] 1, further comprising a button member slidingly disposed in a second aperture of said main body, said button member selectively disengaging said internal locking assembly.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): The tip structure according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein said internal locking assembly is contained within said main body.

Claim 6 (original): The tip structure according to claim 1, further comprising a retraction spring biasing said spike member toward a retracted position.

Claim 7 (original): The tip structure according to claim 1, further comprising an end cap fitted around a bottom portion of said main body, said end cap having an opening through which said spike member is adapted to pass.

Claim 8 (original): The tip structure according to claim 1, further comprising at least one mounting hole disposed on a side of said main body for mounting said main body to said support leg.

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Claim 9 (currently amended): The tip structure according to claim 8, further comprising at least one pivot limiting member for limiting a range of pivotal motion between said main body and said support leg.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The tip structure according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein said locking plate is L-shaped.

Claim 11 (original): The tip structure according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein said locking plate is formed with a latching aperture through which said spike member is adapted to pass.

Claim 12 (original): The tip structure according to claim 11, wherein said latching aperture has two portions defining first and second diameters, said spike member adapted to freely pass through said first diameter and said spike member adapted to be locked by said second diameter.

Claim 13 (original): The tip structure according to claim 12, wherein said spike member comprises an annular groove engaging said second diameter in said projecting position.

Claim 14 (original): The tip structure according to claim 3, further comprising a retraction spring biasing said spike member toward a retracted position when said button member is

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depressed.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A tip structure for a support leg for a stand, comprising:
a foot member at a terminal end of said support leg having a main body;
an elongated spike member disposed in a first aperture of said main body;
an internal locking assembly for locking said spike member in a projecting position with respect to said main body;
a lock disabling assembly for selectively disengaging said internal locking assembly;
wherein said spike member is resiliently biased to translate in said aperture of said main body, and
wherein said internal locking assembly comprises a resiliently biased locking plate having a latching portion that engages a detent formed in said spike member.

Claim 16 (original): The tip structure according to claim 15, wherein said lock disabling assembly comprises a button member slidably disposed in a second aperture of said main body, said button member selectively disengaging said internal locking assembly.

Claims 17-20 (canceled)

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Claim 21 (new): A tip structure for a support leg for a musical instrument stand, comprising:

a foot member at a terminal end of said support leg, said foot member having a main body;

an elongated spike member disposed in a first aperture of said main body;

at least one mounting hole disposed on a side of said main body for mounting said main body to said support leg; and

at least one pivot limiting member for limiting a range of pivotal motion between said main body and said support leg;

wherein said spike member is resiliently biased to translate in said aperture of said main body.